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For: SURFACE PURIFICATION APPARATUS AND  
SURFACE PURIFICATION METHOD

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Examiner: M. Kornakov

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 30, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 11-13 and 18 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1-5 and 8, drawn to a surface purification apparatus and claims 11-13 and 18, drawn to a surface purification method.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21776-00042-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 29, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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